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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Sheehan on July 17, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 47, line 11, delete "present status or".

Claim 68, line 8, delete "status or".

Claim 85, line ¹⁶~~11~~, delete "present status or".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claims of the present invention are distinguished from the Enoki reference (closest art) in that the status information is the phase of operation of the appliance which includes more than just simple on and off condition of the appliance (see page 11, lines 11-26) while the Enoki reference clearly state that the status information is the operating status of the appliance as whether it is on or off (col. 4, lines 26-28).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following heading after line 3 of specification page 8.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION